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New England Deaconess Hospital
Boston, Massachusetts

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Dr. Sedgwick Named Department of Surgery Chairman

Dr. Leland S. McKittrick stepped down as the Interim Chairman of the Department of Surgery, New England Deaconess Hospital, on February 1 when Dr. Cornelius E. Sedgwick officially accepted the post as newly appointed chairman.

The organization of the Department of Surgery has had an excellent beginning under Dr. McKittrick. For the first time in the history of the Hospital the entire surgical staff meets monthly. Weekly surgical rounds are well-attended and the weekly conferences of the surgical residents and staff are stimulating, critical reviews of patient complications.

Dr. McKittrick sees the appointment of an imaginative, highly respected surgeon, like Dr. Sedgwick, as mandatory in order to further develop the surgical resident training program at New England Deaconess Hospital.

Dr. Sedgwick was graduated from Bucknell University, and Cornell University Medical College. He interned and completed his residency at Roosevelt Hospital, New York City, and was a Captain in the Medical Corps, United States Army during World War II. Since 1948 he has been a member of the Staff of Lahey Clinic. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the American Board of Surgery, the American Medical Association, the Boston Surgical Society and the American Thyroid Association.

Dr. Sedgwick resides with his wife, Mabel, in Wellesley Hills. He is the father of three children, Bruce, 17; Gregory, 15; and Janet, 9. They enjoy skiing during the winter at their home in Waterville Valley, New Hampshire and sailing their sloop the "Jolly Dolphin" in the summer.

Dr. Cornelius E. Sedgwick, new Department of Surgery Chairman (left), relaxes and talks with Dr. Leland F. McKittrick, outgoing Interim Chairman (right).

MEDICARE HIGHLIGHTS

Registration Deadline

If you are 65 years of age or over you must register with Social Security by March 31, in order to receive your Medicare benefits when the program starts on July 1, 1966. Deaconess employees had an opportunity to register at the Hospital on February 15 with a Social Security Officer; and if still not registered, they may make arrangements through the Personnel Department.

Benefits

Benefits of the government's new health care program are in two parts. Part A is the Hospital Insurance, which pays a part of your *hospital* bills. All you have to do is register in order to receive these benefits. Part B is the Medical Insurance, which will pay a part of your *doctor* bills. If you sign up, there will be a monthly charge of $3. If you already have private hospital or medical insurance, do not cancel it until you've talked with your insurance agent. This new program is not effective until July 1, 1966.

Part A

The Basic Hospital Insurance or Part A will cover up to 90 days hospitalization. For the first 60 days the insurance pays all except the first $40. For the next 30 days the insurance pays all except $10 a day. Benefits will cover post hospital costs for nurses and therapists, some outpatient hospital diagnostic fees, and up to 100 days in a skilled nursing home after a hospital stay of at least 3 days. The nursing home benefit will not start until January 1, 1967. Then the insurance will pay all for the first 20 days, and all but $5 per day for the next 80 days.

The cost of Part A is covered by an increased payroll deduction, which began January 1, 1966. Your employer matches your share and the amount is contributed to a special "Hospital Insurance Trust Fund" for you.

Part B

The optional Medical Insurance or Part B will pay 80% of a doctor's reasonable charges per year after the first $50. The plan covers home health visits up to 100 a year, drugs administered by a physician,

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WHO CARES . . . ?

These days we hear how people just don't care what happens to the other fellow, and how indifferent or blase we've all become. Perhaps it is about time to insert a story of the other variety — a true story that happened here at New England Deaconess last month.

A woman from Los Angeles was visiting Boston, away from her home and doctor. She suddenly became ill and was brought to Deaconess as an emergency case. One of the staff doctors, who needed to discuss her case history with the previous physician, was at a loss because all he had was the doctor's name — Dr. David Riemer — no address or phone number. The phone company was help-

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PROFILE

Like a diamond, Miss Natalie E. Fossati of Quincy has many facets. In the words of her employer, Dr. Shields Warren, with whom she has worked since 1951, "Miss Fossati is the perfect secretary; alert, intelligent, competent and comely. Her sensitive concern for the welfare and well being of people shows in her cheery voice, her daily activities, and her readiness to aid those needing help. A hospital such as the Deaconess is an ideal setting for her."

Mrs. Warren agrees. She reports, "Natalie is a loyal and efficient person. When we go away I leave her number in case anything goes wrong and if it does, she will straighten it out."

Natalie is modest, unassuming and she has a good sense of humor. She enjoys collecting first day covers, a hobby in which her father started her when she was in grade school. First day covers are envelopes affixed with a new issue stamp which must be postmarked from the place designated as the first day city. For instance, when a stamp of a drawing of the Mayo Brothers was issued, the first day city was Rochester, Minnesota, home of the Mayo Clinic. This information is announced in advance by newspapers. A self addressed envelope (in pencil) with money for the stamp is sent to the postmaster of the city involved. The envelope with the cancelled stamp bearing the correct date is returned, the address is erased and one has an authentic first cover. Cachet first covers, without the stamp, can be purchased prior to sending for the new issue. This is an envelope printed on the left hand side with a design or inscription commemorating the postal or philatelic event and enhances the value and interest of the first cover.

Natalie also collects first flight covers and airport dedication covers, of which there are comparatively few. One of the unusual first flight covers in her possession is from Japan and is postmarked leaving there January 1, 1963 and, because of the International Dateline, arriving here December 31, 1962. Her collection numbers five books with more than 2000 first covers.

This hobby has aroused her interest in travel both here and abroad. She spent her vacation last summer travelling in Italy and Switzerland.

In Switzerland she took the three hour train trip up the Jungfrau. Upon debarking near the summit passengers walk a short distance through a tunnel to an enclosed lookout area for a magnificent view. Signs in six languages warn them to "walk slowly." Not heeding this advice, Natalie and her companions soon realized the reason for it. The transition from sea level to 14,000 feet makes shortness of breath due to exertion a grim reality. Natalie admits, "Those signs really meant what they said. It was kind of a wasted walk anyway because the windows were all frosted and we couldn't see a thing. However, I wouldn't have missed it. It was fun and interesting and, if I ever go again, maybe next time we can see the view." This is yet another Fossati quality . . . optimism.

FRIENDS HOLD VALENTINE TEA

Enjoying the traditional Valentine Tea, held this year on February 1 by the Friends of the Deaconess for the Student and Staff Nurses are (left to right): Mrs. Maria B. Hanlon and Mrs. Leona Glawson, Staff Nurses; Mrs. Marcy Eager, Mrs. John B. McKittrick and Mrs. Howard F. Root, Friends; Mrs. George I. Rohrbough, President of the Friends; Miss Mary Kinne and Miss Margaret Davis, Student Nurses; with Mrs. Theodore L. Badger and Mrs. Lewis M. Hurxthal, Friends.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

There are nine new books in the Patients' and Employees' Library in the Deaconess Building. Truman Capote's novel, IN COLD BLOOD, tells the true story of the murder of a Kansas family. In THE LOOKING GLASS WAR, by John LeCarre, a grim, lonely spy goes out to battle the cold war. Rachael Carson's new book, A SENSE OF WONDER, gives an account of the delicate innocence and "sense of wonder" inherent in children. Ruth Montgomery writes the amazing story of Jeane Dixon's prophecies in GIFT OF PROPHECY. There is a novel of suspense, AIRS ABOVE THE GROUND, by Mary Stewart.

Also included in the new books are four new mysteries. They are: THE WIDOW WATCHERS, by Frank Archer; DEVILWEED, by Bill Knox; FREDERIKA AND THE CONVICT, by L. M. Robertson; and THE TRIUMVIRATE, by Taylor H. Baldwin.

Radiology Department Reorganizes

Because the activity in the Department of Radiology has increased substantially in recent years, the department has been reorganized into two separate divisions — diagnosis and therapy. Dr. Joseph Marks is in charge of the Radiation Therapy Department, and Dr. Mirle Kellett is in charge of the Diagnostic Department.

Dr. Marks will restrict his interpretation of X-rays to those of patients who are having or have recently had X-ray therapy. Dr. Kellett will be responsible for the interpretation of all other films. He will be assisted in this work by Dr. Harry Bailey.

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X-ray and laboratory tests, X-ray therapy, dressings, rental of medical equipment and prosthetic devices.

If you are 65 or over and do not sign up for Part B now, you will not be able to enroll until the next general enrollment period, October 1 - December 31, 1967 and each odd-numbered year thereafter.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield

Blue Cross/Blue Shield and other health insurance plans will decrease their benefits on July 1 for those 65 or older, but they will offer new plans to supplement Medicare. However, it will be necessary to sign up for Part B, because the private plans will just add to the government's program, not duplicate it. Employees over 65, who now have Blue Cross/Blue Shield through the Hospital Group Plan, will not lose by signing for Part B and the supplementary Blue Cross/Blue Shield, because the Hospital will continue to share the cost. Arrangements for employees under 65 remain unchanged.

If you have any questions or problems regarding Medicare, don't hesitate to contact Mr. Dean Holdeman in the Personnel Office.

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HER HOBBY IS A TALENT

Miss Dorothy E. Hancock displays some of her pencil sketches, rivaling nature's tree in the background.

If a hobby is a pursuit for one's own relaxation, then Miss Dorothy E. Hancock's delightful pencil sketches are more than a hobby; the sketches exist not only for her enjoyment, but for all who are lucky enough to see them. Her hobbly is a talent, and her diversion is our gain in art.

Always interested in drawing, she started lessons (after her nurse's training) at the Boston Center for Adult Education under the late Frank Rines. She remembers him as a remarkable teacher and artist, perhaps the foremost pencil sketcher of his time. The challenge of the art, the conquering of techniques compelled her to practice evenings at home to try to approach the quality of reality that could become perfection on her paper. The very impossibility of putting a multi-dimensional tree on a flat black surface escaped her, as the magic of creativity captured her mind and will forcing her to improve her work, to succeed a little better each time.

For many years she kept her drawings simply in brown paper grocery bags, but in the back of her mind there was the desire to have some favorites framed or reproduced. Her note cards, treasured gifts for many and a popular sale item at the Friend's Christmas Bazaar, are the result of this wish.

Miss Hancock says she is a bit cowardly about sitting on any curb or street corner to sketch, but she has spent many hours in the Boston Common, and has even preserved on paper a tree which is no longer there. Her favorite scenes are Mother Nature's, especially a "good looking isolated tree," which she draws until it looks like the wind really lifts the leaves.

The majority of her work is in black and white, for although she has a few colored sketches, she prefers the rigorous discipline that a simple black pencil demands.

The Wright Tavern in Concord, Massachusetts offered her the greatest problem. The Tavern's mansard roof, one having two slopes on all sides with the lower slope steeper than the upper one, posed a difficulty in depth perception. "It seemed odd, because it looked so simple at first," she remarked.

Miss Hancock has taught first year students in the School of Nursing here for 16 years. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Boston Center for Adult Education for a total of 12 years and was elected Secretary of the Executive Committee for two terms. Some of her pencil sketches are of the sights in England, reminiscent of her days as an Army Nurse during World War II.

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ful, but no Dr. David Riemer was listed for Los Angeles. There was a Mr. David Riemer, however, and because of the gravity of the emergency they decided to try him.

In Boston the time was 9:00 A.M., making it 5:00 A.M. in Los Angeles; a time when most of us are the least likely to be helpful. Nevertheless, the call went through and Mr. Riemer answered, somewhat groggily.

As was feared Mr. Riemer was not Dr. Riemer, nor did Mr. Riemer know of Dr. Riemer. More searching was necessary until the operators finally located the right doctor.

End of story? Not quite. A few hours later Mr. Riemer returned a call to the Deaconess, at his own expense. He had done some searching on his own, had found Dr. Riemer and wanted to make sure our hospital had received the correct information, perhaps to save a life.

Who cares these days? Mr. Riemer does, at least.

Hello . . . MR. KEATING

An addition to the Maintenance Department is Mr. Neil H. Keating, who is responsible for coordinating any renovation work, and is an assistant to Mr. Donald L. Sabine, Director of Engineering and Maintenance. No stranger to past additions and renovations at Deaconess, Mr. Keating directed the building of the new Palmer wing in 1965, the parking lot behind the Maintenance Building, and the incinerator and chimney, while serving as a Superintendent of Construction for the Sawyer Construction Company, a post he held for fifteen years. The largest project under his supervision now is the renovation of the Cardio-Pulmonary Laboratory on Central 5.

Mr. Neil H. Keating directs installation of special equipment for the Cardio-Pulmonary Laboratory.

Mr. Keating, a native of Massachusetts, was with the Navy Air Force during World War II and later studied architecture at Wentworth Institute. Recently he received an ABC License, authorizing him to direct any type of construction within the City of Boston.

Living in Methuen, the last town in Massachusetts before the New Hampshire border, he is one of a very small number of "happy" commuting drivers. His family, which consists of his wife, Vera, and their two children, Neil and Karen, enjoys spending time together, especially on an annual trip to Florida. Father and son collect coins, counting a three cent nickel among their collection.

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